

Dear Wikimania 2013 Jury,

**Re: Support Wikimedia Hong Kong to host Wikimania 2013 in Hong Kong**

On behalf of the Internet Society Hong Kong, I am writing to support Wikimedia Hong Kong to host Wikimania 2013 in Hong Kong.

Internet Society Hong Kong (ISOC-HK) is a chapter of the Internet Society which is a nonprofit organization founded in 1992 to provide leadership in Internet related standards, education, and policy. The mission of ISOC-HK is to promote Internet as a positive tool and environment for social cooperation, community building, and fostering of a culture that enables self-governance and balanced multi-stakeholder participation to work. We also provide and facilitate forums for idea, experience and cultural exchange among individuals and organizations from private and public sectors as well as across borders.

Wikimedia Hong Kong is a very active and vibrant community. They have been developing healthily since establishment. ISOC-HK had collaborated with Wikimedia Hong Kong in different projects to promote the collaborative use of Wiki, to promote the concepts of copyright and creative commons and information freedom. ISOC-HK is delighted to support Wikimedia Hong Kong because we observed their capability and commitment in delivering extraordinary work in promoting Wiki-based projects in Hong Kong. Furthermore, Hong Kong has vast advantages in terms of geo-location, communication and transport, quality hotels and customer services, abundant experiences in holding international conferences and the most important, friendliness of people and government towards the international communities. Every year hundreds of regional and international conferences and meetings are held in Hong Kong, naming just a few recent ones, the GSMA Mobile Asia Congress and AVAR Conference in November 2011, TEDxHongKong and International Web-based Learning Conference in December 2011, International Jewellery Show and Asia Top Gallery Hotel Art Fair in February 2012, Asian Fashion Jewellery & Accessories Fair in the coming March, etc.

Hong Kong is very reachable to most parts of the Asia Pacific within 8-hour direct flights, from India in the west to Australia in the east. Hong Kong is well connected with high speed Internet and 3G networks and Wifi connections are available in public premises such as conference centre, airport, cafes, universities, parks, libraries and along the main roads. Hong Kong has long been the confluence of eastern and western cultures, a forum for exchange of information and ideas with high degree of neutrality and openness, and a hub for conferences and meetings of the region and the world. People here have high education level and are very friendly to foreigners, with majority of the population speaking fluent English. We are also very literate in the use of Internet and social networking services in information exchange and networking.

We highly recommend Wikimania convention 2013 be held in Hong Kong. We are confident that you and your delegates will enjoy a positive and rewarding experience should you elect Hong Kong as your next destination.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S.C. Leung".

S.C. Leung  
Chairperson  
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